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EDITORIALS

V. PROPOSALS FOR A COMPULSORY SICKNESS INSURANCE LAW FOR CALIFORNIA

(Continued)

Proponents of Compulsory Sickness Legislation Were Defeated in the Initial Battle.—The California Legislature may continue in session throughout the month of May, or may even carry on into June. Until the 56th Session adjourns, the enactment of some kind of compulsory sickness insurance law is always a possibility.

In the initial struggle at Sacramento, carried on largely before the Assembly Committee on Public Health, the proponents of the compulsory health bills were defeated; the Assembly Committee by a vote of 7 to 3, refusing to report out Governor Warren's bill (A.B. 800), or the C.I.O. bill (A.B. 449). A strenuous effort by the sponsors and spokesmen of the two bills to secure 41 of the 80 Assembly votes needed to withdraw the bills from the Committee, in order to secure a vote on the Assembly floor, was not successful, the State Administration and the C.I.O. forces alike going down in defeat. (Item XIX in the April issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, on page 197, and other items in the current number give additional information.)

While the battle concerning the controversy was on, the issue received much newspaper comment. It may be said that the members of the Assembly did not enjoy the hard pulling and tugging involved in the struggles over the compulsory sickness bills; particularly so, since Republican Assemblymen found themselves in the undesirable position of being obliged to oppose Republican Governor Warren, he having strenuously advocated compulsory sickness legislation as an important and immediate need of the people of California.

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Proposal for an Interim Study Committee of the Legislature.—The discussions at Sacramento and elsewhere, led to the introduction by Legislators of bills that would authorize the appointment of an Interim Committee of the Legislature, the duty of which would be to make a study of sickness insurance needs of the State, and to report on the same with recommendations to the 57th Legislature, which will convene in regular session in January, 1947. It is possible that such a law may be enacted, if the proponents of A.B. 800 (Warren) and A.B. 449 (C.I.O.)